



Government of the District of Columbia

## DC Commission for Women

### Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2008

#### I. Call to order

Reta Jo Lewis called to order the regular meeting of the DC Commission for Women at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Room 1112 South.

#### II. Attendees

The following persons were present: Reta Jo Lewis, Niambi Jarvis, Tambra Stevenson, Jessica Solomon, Ruby Moy, Chrissie Juliano, Gail Anderson-Holness, Cherita Whiting, Jennifer Grayson, Winona Scott, Donna Watts-Brighthaupt, Cynthia Harrison, Loryn Wilson, Ed Moody, Linda Stroman, June Ward.

#### III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes will be distributed to Commissioners via email for review and vote.

#### IV. New business

- Ideas presented to recognize anniversary of DC Commission for Women. Commissioners asked to submit ideas for programming for 2008 to Mioshi Moses.
  - Cynthia Harrison suggested a picture or essay contest on what a commissioner looks like to be a community based project with DCPS and local organizations
  - Young Women's Leadership Committee will create application and develop concept to bring back to Commission for approval.

### **GUEST PRESENTATION SUMMARY**

- DC Saves

Linda Stroman, financial education coordinator of the Capital Area Asset Builders, provided information on the DC Saves Program, which is a citywide campaign modeled on the national America Saves campaign. Through DC Saves provides information, advice, and encouragement for DC residents improve their personal and household finances. DC Saves needs support in outreach to DC residents. Thus

this is an opportunity to partner and provide money management programs to women – young and seasoned. Visit the DC Saves at <http://www.dcsaves.org>.

- Project Empowerment

Ed Moody of DC Department of Employment Services presented Project Empowerment, a workforce development program for people formerly in prison. Women compose most of the program's participants.

- Love My Body

June Ward of Love My Body was presented to speak about the LMB initiative, which the DC Commission for Women is partnering to reach out to women and girls in the District to bring awareness and promote a healthy body image and self-esteem. Working with DC Parks and Recreation, the LMB can reach teen girls. They need partnerships to ensure success for the June event. To learn more visit [www.loveybody.org/](http://www.loveybody.org/)

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- Paid Sick Leave Act update will be presented after Council hearing on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Legislative Committee will develop comprehensive legislative tracking template for submission and review during March meeting
- Niambi inquired about rotating the Commission meetings to the Wards. Lacey and Winona will provide historical perspective on previous rotations throughout the community.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- American University Women's Initiative (March 20<sup>th</sup>)  
<http://www.ausg.org/news/2008/03/17/networking-party-thursday-march-20>
- National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (March 28<sup>th</sup>)  
<http://www.ncnw.org/events/index.htm>
- Women Who Tech TeleSummit (March 31<sup>st</sup>) Visit  
<http://www.womenwhotech.com/register.html>
- CAAB (Linda Stroman) <http://www.caab.org/>
- Triple Threat <http://mwpha.org/joomla/2008-MWPHA-Annual-Meeting-Flyer.pdf>

V. Adjournment

Reta Jo Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Tambra Stevenson; Minutes approved by: DCFW